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From the Director...

Compliance--the lack thereof--with CSDR policy has become our first and foremost priority. This version of our newsletter shows an extremely low rate of compliance and as a result the DoD cost estimating community is being hampered from fulfilling its role. Consequently, we have been working on bringing the lack of compliance to the attention of senior DoD leaders. We have had some success. Starting in January 2004, Program Managers of ACAT 1 programs will have to address CSDR compliance as part of the DAES review. We truly hope that this will be the first step in finally addressing CSDR compliance.

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Plans & Analysis Notes

Overall Compliance

As of October 2003, overall CSDR compliance is at 30%. This is double the compliance from CY 2002. The major reason for the low compliance is Contract and Subcontracts plans are not being submitted for CAIG approval along with low validation acceptance on CSDR reports.

CSDR Plans

As of December 15, 2003, a total of 50 CSDR plans have been approved by the CAIG during the calendar year 2003. The breakdown is 17 Program, 29 Contract, and 4 Subcontract plans. *Reminders:*

- The DoD PM in coordination with the CWIPT, shall complete the draft Program Plan and WBS Dictionary in time to meet the earlier date of the following two events: submission of the Program Plan with the draft CARD to the CAIG or no later than 60 days before the solicitation to industry.
- Before issuing the Request for proposals (RFP), the DoD PM shall forward to the DCARC an extract of the RFP that contains CSDR requirements.
- In the Remarks section of the Program Plan, the PM shall provide the names and addresses of associate contractors and lower tier subcontractors who potentially meet the CSDR reporting thresholds, along with the specific WBS elements and key technical characteristics for which they are responsible.

CSDR Reporting

The following Programs have submitted CSDR reports since the beginning of October 2003:

F-22, AV-8B, T-45 TS, AAAV, C-130 AMP, LONGBOW HELLFIRE, STRYKER, MH-60S, TACTICAL TOMAHAWK, AEHF, AND MH-60R.

Reminders:

- For all ACAT 1 program contracts awarded or modified after October 1, 2003, all reports must be submitted electronically directly to the DCARC using a certificate issued by the DCARC and must be in "excel spreadsheet compatible" format.
- When the same contract contains different models or versions of an end item as separate contract line items, separate reports are required on each model or version.
- For Program CSDR Plans, identify the specific unclassified characteristics and related metrics for each prime, associate, or subcontractor that might meet the CSDR reporting thresholds.

Report Validation

During last quarter of this year (Oct - Dec) the Plans and analysis group has validated 25 separate CSDR submissions. The number of submissions passing validation is still low. The most commons errors on the CSDR reports submitted by the contractors are: (1)G&A and other overheads are not properly reported, (2) omitting quantities, and (3) not reporting according to the CAIG approved CSDR plan.

Cost Data and DAES Reporting

In cooperation with the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics), cost data reporting compliance will be included in the Defense Acquisition Executive Summary (DAES) report submissions beginning in January 2004. DCARC and CAIG staff will participate in the rating of each MDAP program included in the DAES each month. The ratings will be based on the level of cost data reporting compliance, starting with plan development and including timely submission of valid data in the Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) approved during the CSDR Plan process. For more information about this process, please contact us at dcarcweb@osd.mil.

CSDR Focus Group Meeting

Our next focus group meeting is tentatively scheduled for sometime in early 2004--mid February to mid March--at the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) in Alexandria, Virginia. The agenda is not set, so if you would like to propose a topic and/or make a presentation please contact Jack Cloos at jcloos@ida.org.

DACIMS Libraries - Online and Improved

As you may know, there are four secure libraries available online to authorized, registered users of the Defense Automated Cost Information Management System (DACIMS). Users can cross-reference-search by any corresponding meta-data field (e.g., program, contract number, final reports, etc.) These search routines apply within each library and can be applied to cross-library searches as well.

• The CCDR Library (CCDR) – By January 1, 2004, this library will contain over 26,000 CCDRs/CSDRs. This database/library recently received a year-long, intensive, quality assurance (QA) effort. This QA of the CCDR Library involved the page-by-page verification, organization, and proprietary delineation of each CCDR. Simultaneously, this effort involved creating, improving, and normalizing metadata for each corresponding CCDR/CSDR, so that the user can reliably search for desired record sets. Currently, only authorized government cost analysts have access to these files.



- The Cost Research Library (CRL) By January 30, 2004, this library will contain over 800 MDAP cost documents (currently 400 are available) such as CARDS, program cost estimates, CSDR plans and more. Currently, only authorized CAIG personnel have access to these files.
- The Cost Research Bibliography Library (CRBL) This library contains almost 18,000 records that supply bibliographic information pointing to various programs, weapon system types, cost analysis documents and information. Currently, only authorized government cost analysts have access to these files.
- The Automated Cost Database Library (ACDB) This library contains cross-referenced, searchable raw data gleaned from CCDRs/CSDRs on over 2,000 defense programs. Currently, only authorized government cost analysts have access to these files.

Soon, two new libraries will be added to the DACIMS. There will be a "Forward Rate Pricing" Library initially containing nearly a thousand MDAP documents such as contractor "Plant Wide Reports." There will also be a "Software Resources Data Report" Library to provide cost data on this essential cost element.

New Data Item Descriptions (DIDs) Available

New, approved DIDs are available for the DD 1921, DD 1921-1, and WBS. You can find them at http://dcarc.pae.osd.mil/ccdr_formstools.htm.

New DACIMS Password Assistant

Forgotten your DACIMS password? We've added a new Password Assistant that can help. Go to our website at http://dcarc.pae.osd.mil, select "Access DACIMS", and click on the "Forgot Your Password?" button to have your password immediately reset and your new password emailed instantly to you. Our automated password assistant will check your email address, then send a new password to your email account.

If you have an existing account, we can normally reset your password in just a few minutes, automatically, any time of the day or night.

Need DACIMS Assistance?

If you need assistance with DACIMS because:

- You are having difficulty registering,
- You're getting an error message when you try to log in,
- You need data and the system's down,
- or for any other assistance with DACIMS,

Email us at dcarcweb@osd.mil or call (703) 602-3301

DCARC Staff

The DCARC has three open service-funded positions on our staff. If you are interested in these service-funded positions, please contact us at dcarcweb@osd.mil

Contacting the DCARC

If you have any questions or need additional information or assistance, you can contact us at:

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CSDR Status

Note: This update is designed for use only as a guide. The status of some data submissions may have changed since this report was generated. This update is not intended as a record of compliance or non-compliance.

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Active Programs	Pre-Milestone B Programs	Plans in Progress	Approved Plans No Data Collect	Programs with No Plans	Programs with Waivers	Pre-MDAP Programs	Post-MDAP Programs
AESA ATIRCM/CMWS B-1 CMUP C-130 AMP C-5 RERP CH-47F COBRA JUDY DD(X) E/A-18G E-2 ADVANCED HAWKEYE E-2C REPROD F/A-18E/F F-35 FBCB2 FCS	ABB ABL ACS AEGIS BMD ASDS CVN 21 HPCM JOINT COMMON MISSILE JTRS Cluster 5 LCS LHA® MEADS MMA MUOS SSN 774 STSS TSAT	AAAV AEHF CEC F/A-22 GLOBAL HAWK JTRS CLUSTER 3 LPD 17 MH-60R NAVSTAR GPS PATRIOT PAC-3 STRYKER V-22	AWACS RSIP GBS MCS NPOESS	ABRAMS UPGRADE AIM-9X AMRAAM BRADLEY UPGRADE C-17A CVN 68 DDG 51 EXCALIBUR LAND WARRIOR LONGBOW APACHE MM III PRP NESP SM 2 SSGN T-AKE TRIDENT II	C-130J CHEM DEMIL EELV JASSM JDAM JPATS MIDS-LVT NAS WGS	ADS AOC-WS B-2 RPP BAMS CH-53X DCGS ARMY E-10 GCCS-AF GCSS ARMY JLENS JOINT UCAS JPALS JTRS Cluster 4 KC-767 KI LHD 1 MKV MPF(F) MPS NATO MILSATCOM PREDATOR B PRV SBR SBSS SM-6 (ERAM) T-AOE(X) VXX	ATACMS BAT AV-8B B-2A CGS DMSP MILSTAR SMART -T SOQ-89 TITAN IV UH-60L
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Total Programs:

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